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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled):

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A quartz glass crucible, comprising a transparent

coated layer, wherein said coated layer comprises a crystallization accelerator promoter

dispersed in a silica matrix on at least a portion of the whole or a part of an inside and/or an

outside surface of said crucible.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The quartz glass crucible according to Claim 14,

wherein said crucible is obtained by coating a silica sol liquid comprising a metal salt and a

partial hydrolyzate of an alkoxysilane oligomer on the surface of the crucible, and heating the

crucible coated with silica sol liquid to form a transparent coated layer comprising a

crystallization accelerator promoter derived from said metal salt.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The quartz glass crucible according to Claim 14,

obtained by coating the crucible with a silica sol liquid comprising a metal organic acid salt

or a metal carbonate of one or more of magnesium, calcium, strontium, or barium, on the

surface of the crucible, and heating said coated silica sol liquid to form a transparent coated

layer comprising the metal oxide or the metal carbonate as a crystallization accelerator

promoter.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The quartz glass crucible according to Claim 14

wherein the crucible is used for pulling up silicon single crystal production.

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